

In the Claims:

1. A method for obtaining audio files ~~music system~~ comprising:
  - (a) a ~~server containing a plurality of digital songs~~; and
  - ~~(b) a user obtaining a plurality of different songs from said server, wherein said obtaining is not in the nature of a rental, a lease, or a lending.~~ user selecting an audio file from a provider;
  - (b) transferring a copy of said audio file to said user;
  - (c) said provider not providing another copy of said audio file to another user while said user has said copy of said audio file;
  - (d) said user no longer having said audio file; and
  - (e) said provider making available said audio file to another user.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein said transferring is after ownership of said audio file is transferred to said user.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein said provider has ownership rights to two copies of said audio file.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein said provider has ownership of a corresponding compact disk having said audio file in a format having a substantially larger size.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein said provider ensures a copy of said audio file is not provided to another before said transferring.
6. The method of claim 5 wherein said transferring is performed if said provider has ownership right in more than one copy of said audio file.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said user provides ownership rights in said audio file to said provider.
8. The method of claim 1 wherein said user purchases an album from said provider.
9. The method of claim 1 wherein said transfer is not in the nature of a rental, a lease, lending, or by any other act or practice in the nature of rental, lease, or lending.
10. The method of claim 1 wherein said user has ownership of a plurality of audio files in the custody of said provider.
11. The method of claim 10 wherein said audio files are on a plurality of different albums.
12. The method of claim 11 wherein said albums are compact disks.